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THE PRESENCE OF THYMELICUS LINEOLA OCHS. IN EASTBOURNE. — While collecting in the little known locality of Ratton Wood, near Willingdon, Mr. Parsons and I took an example of this species. This is not the first time it has been taken in the Eastbourne area, but the earlier colony has long since vanished owing to the completion of a housing project. No references are given in my literature to this species occurring in the county (except in the Biological Records Centre Provisional Atlas of British Butterflies). — M. HADLEY, 7 Beverington Close, Eastbourne.

DIANTHOECIA COMPTA D. & S. (LEP.: HADENIDAE) IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. — Following a male specimen of this species being taken in the actinic light trap in my Northampton garden on 8th July, 1975, I have this year taken two further specimens, a male on 9th July and a female on 22nd July, also in my actinic trap in Northampton. I was pleased to present the specimen obtained in 1975 to the B.M. (Nat. Hist.). All three specimens were in perfect condition, which would seem to preclude their having travelled any long distance, and it seems hardly possible that they could have migrated so far inland. It appears, therefore, that this species has become established as a resident breeding species in Northamptonshire. A correspondent informs me that the larva feeds on sweet william, and that he has taken this species in Norfolk. — S. J. PATEL, The Studio Flat, 13 East Park Parade, Northampton.